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DATE: November 6, 2015

TO: Iowa Medicaid Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Providers

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Termination Notice of Iowa Medicaid ACO Agreements

EFFECTIVE: December 31, 2015

The IME will terminate all Iowa Medicaid ACO agreements effective December 31, 2015, in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations **§438.708** and section **1.4.8 Notice and Termination** of the ACO agreements.

Both the Medicaid and Iowa Health and Wellness Plan programs will be administered by Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) effective January 1, 2016. At that time, the participating MCOs will be responsible to administer the Medicaid, Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (**hawk-i**) and Iowa Health and Wellness Plan programs for the majority of enrollees for comprehensive medical coverage. Each MCO must also establish Value-Based Payment (VBP) models that cover 40 percent of their covered lives by 2018.

Medicaid will continue to support provider organizations that enter into VBP arrangements with at least one MCO by providing claims data, real-time alerts for Inpatient and Emergency Department events and access to the Value-Index Score and other online dashboards. Please complete the [Iowa Medicaid Memorandum of Understanding for Value Based Purchasing Support Activities](#)¹ to apply for VBP data sharing arrangements with the IME.

If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or email at IMEProviderServices@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ <https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/470-5362.pdf>